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# Sequence variations, protein interactions, and diseases

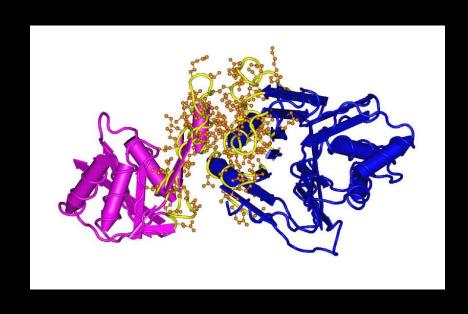


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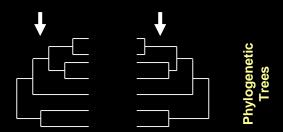
## Interacting proteins are expected to coevolve to ensure proper binding



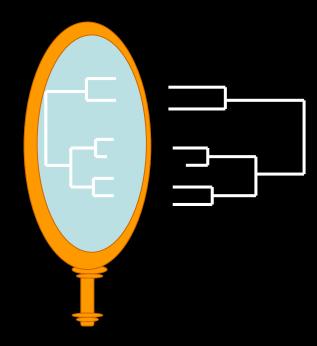
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[Goh et al 2000, Pazos and Valencia 2001]

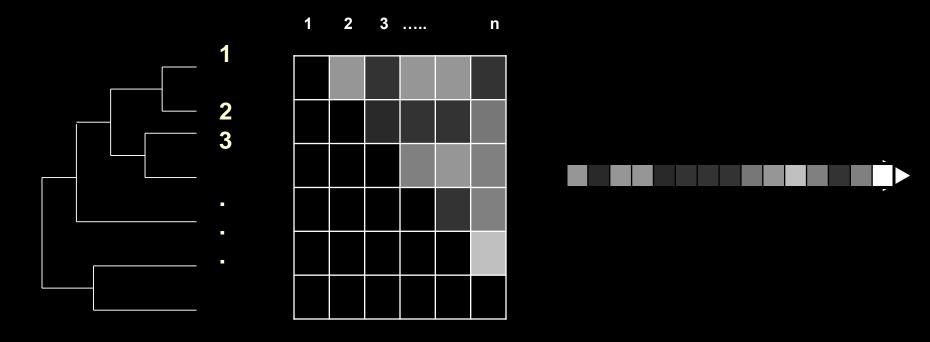




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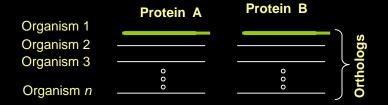


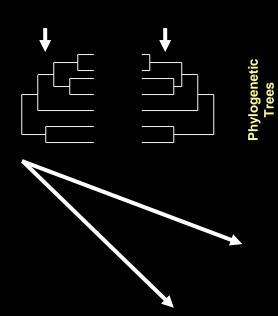
## **Evolutionary vector**



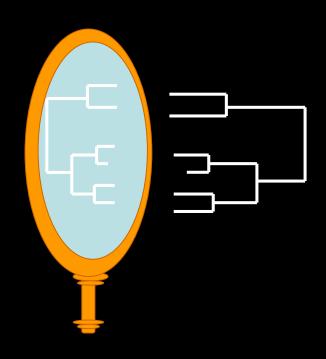
**Distance Matrix** 

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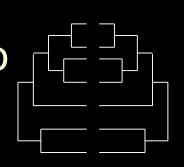
#### **Mirrortree Method:**



Compute correlation

## Simple idea but lot's of questions...

 How to separate co-evolution due to common speciation history form coevolution due to function?



Kann et. al. Proteins 2007

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#### Challenges

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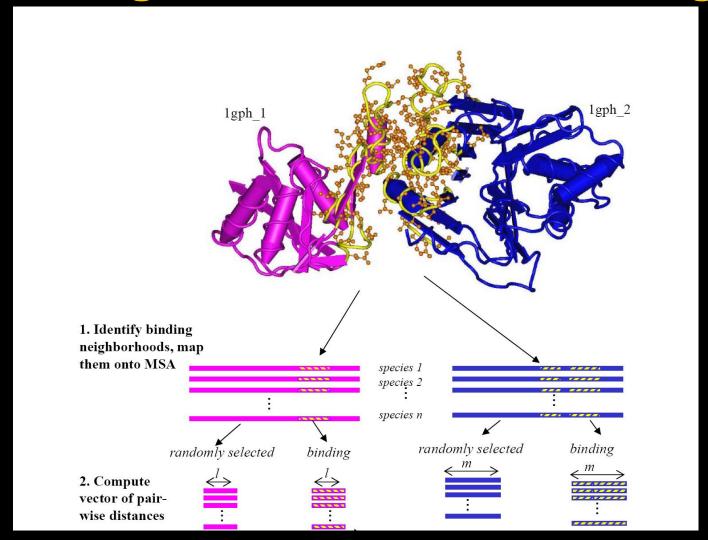
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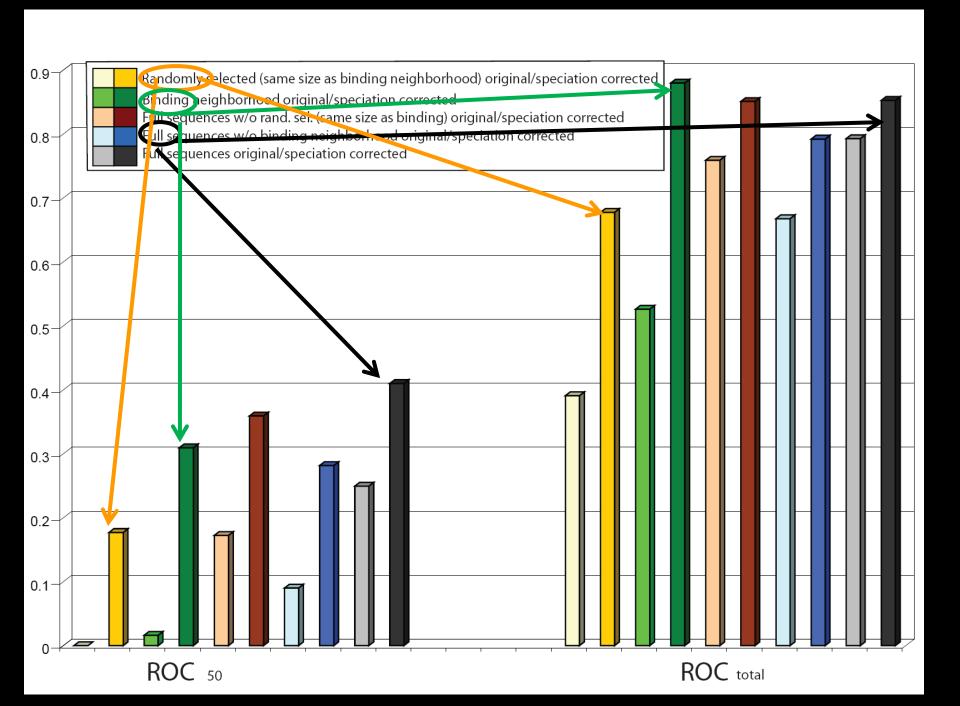
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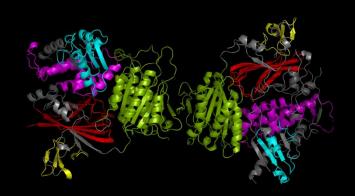
#### Do binding sites co-evolve more tightly?





# Binding sites are important but not the only contributor of the co- evolutionary signal

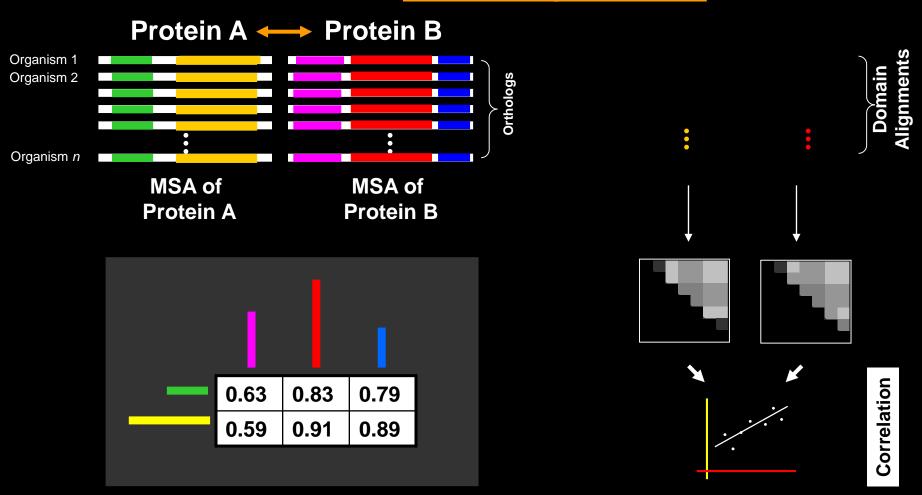
#### **Predicting interacting domains**



Given interacting multi-domain proteins domains that are in contact

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## Mirror tree approach can be used to recognize interacting domains

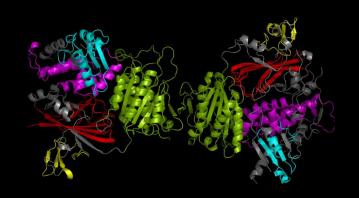


**RESULTS:** 

In 64% cases, the domain pair with highest correlation was interacting (55% expected by chance)

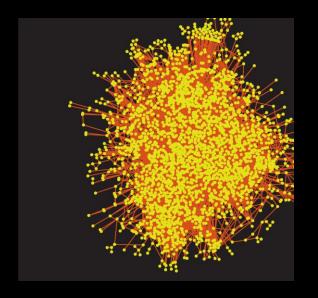
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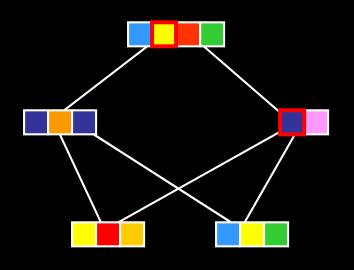
Given protein-protein interaction network domains that are in contact

Guimaraes et. al. Genome Biology 2008

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#### Parsimony approach

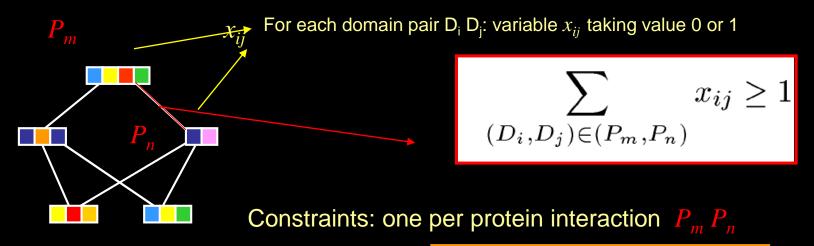


Assumption: Protein interactions are mediated by domain interactions

Hypothesis: Interactions evolved in most parsimonious way

Method: Find the smallest set of domain pairs whose interaction would explain all protein interactions in the network

### Linear programming formulation



Objective function

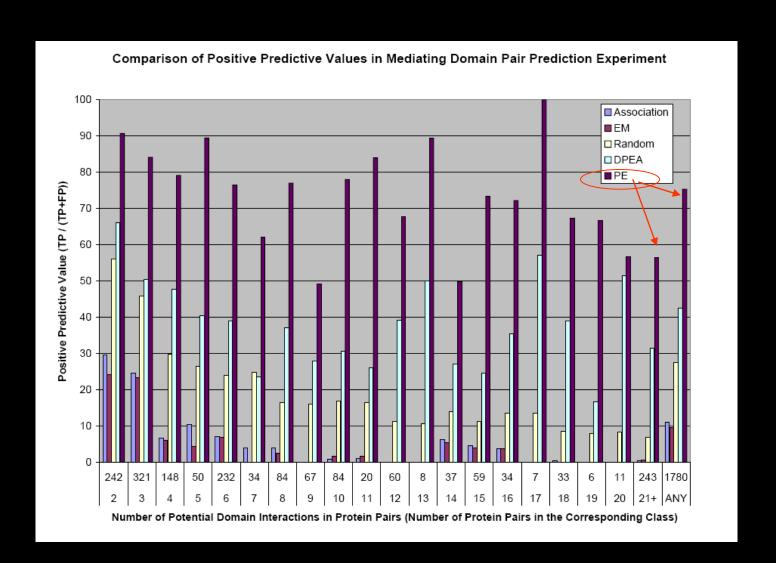
(representing parsimony assumption):

minimize 
$$\sum_{D_i,D_j} x_{ij}$$

Interacting domains pairs – domains pairs with  $X_{ii} = I$ 

- Additional problems to solve: Model the noise in the network Estimate p-values

## Results compared to previous methods: Identifying interacting domain pair in interacting protein pair



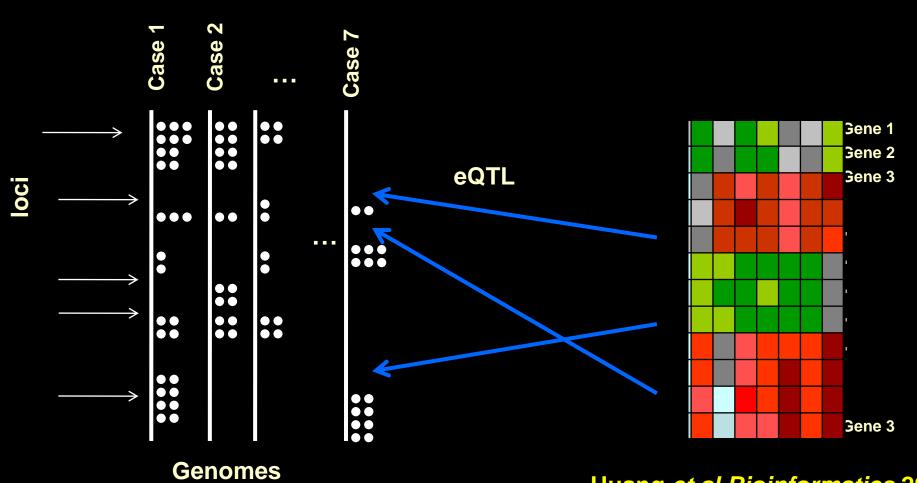
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 Combining genetic sequence variation, genome wide expression profile and protein interaction to infer pathways dysregulated in complex diseases

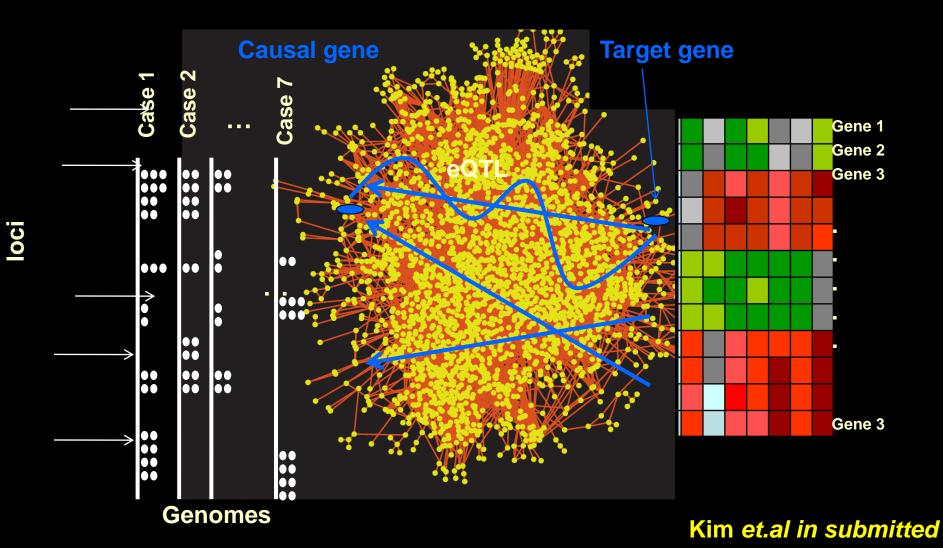
## Genetic variations in individuals affects gene expression level

#### **Genotype variations**

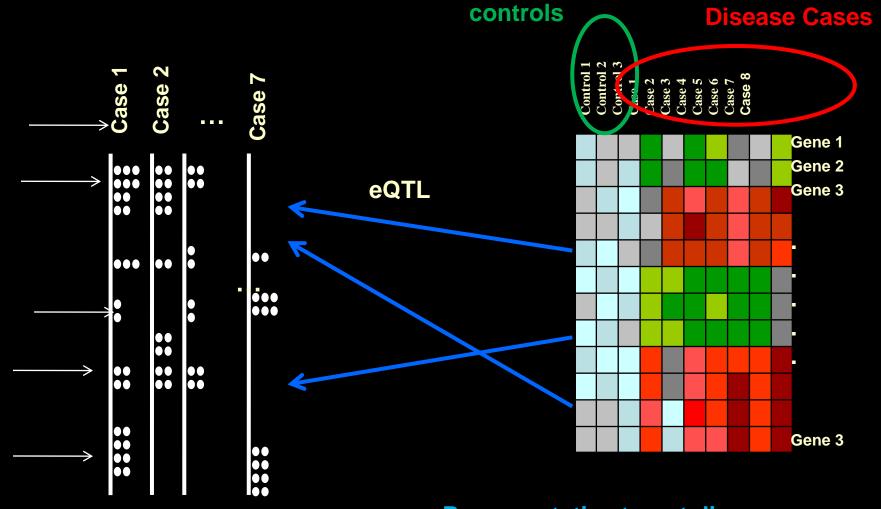


Huang et.al Bioinformatics 2009

## Bringing PPI network and other high throughput networks



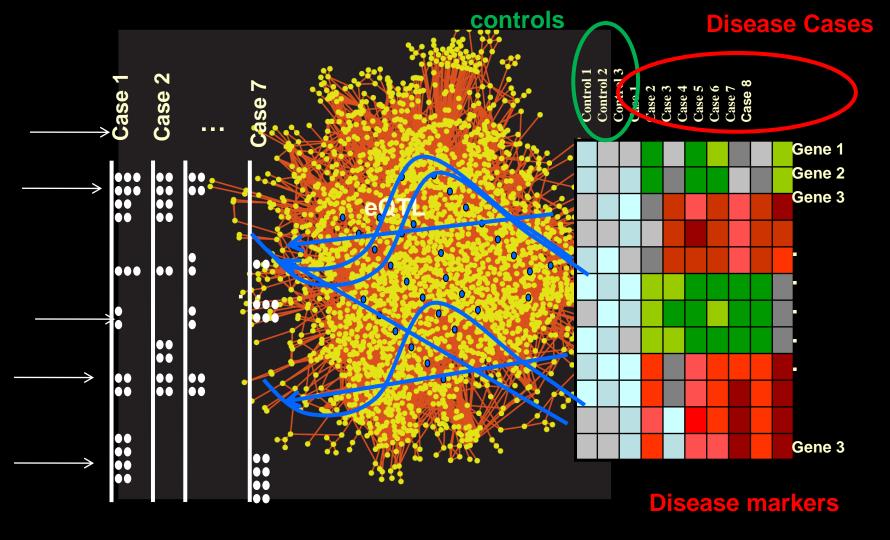
# Associations of genes expressed differently in disease /control groups are primary target



**Putative causal mutations** 

Representative target disease genes

## Uncovering causal genes and dys-regulated pathways



Causal genes

Kim et.al. submitted

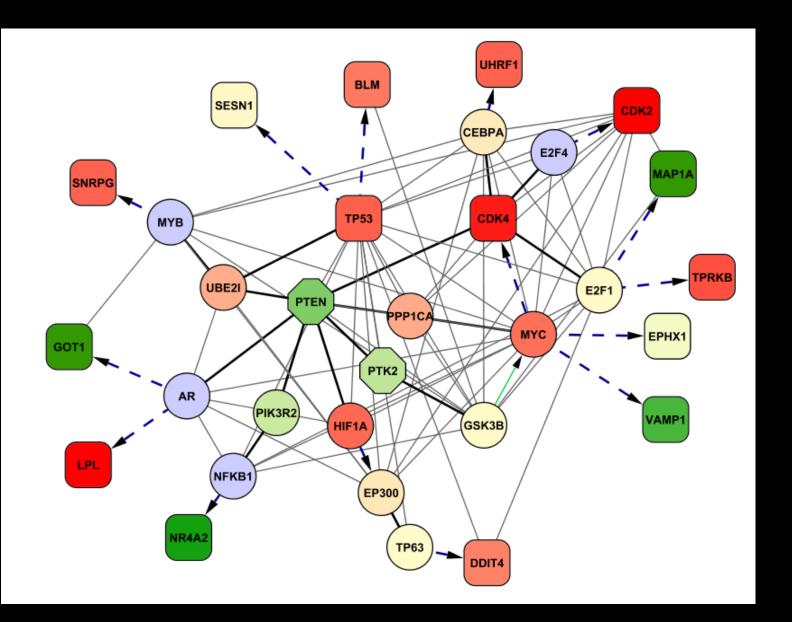
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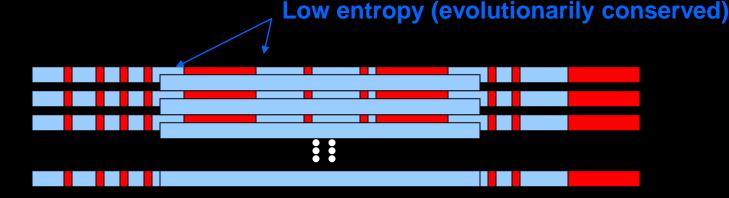
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Evolutionarily conserved regions help separate functional co-evolution from co-evolution due common speciation history

Compute conservation profile



Use conserved positions only



Additional correction using previously mentioned methods



